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Location: Pavilion Office Building
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NOTE: A photo ID is *required* for admission

June 16, 2016

Exhibiting from: July 5 – September 30, 2016
Opening Reception: July 7 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Montpelier Art Walk: September 2 from 4:00 – 7:00

Artist Website: [Renée Bouchard](#)

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Vermont Governor's Gallery presents **KALEIDOSCOPIC PATHOS, Paintings by Renée Bouchard**

MONTPELIER, VT – Bennington-based artist [Renée Bouchard](#) will be featured in the Governor's Gallery for the months of July, August, and September. Her exhibit titled **KALEIDOSCOPIC PATHOS** features a collection of paintings created over the last seven years. Bouchard states that she works by combining views from the landscape (mostly of Vermont, Maine, Hawai'i, and Washington) and elements of the human experience by way of observation, memory, and invention. The paintings are very much about the wonder of paint and mark-making.

"I feel it is my ethical responsibility to be resourceful with materials. Salvage, such as studio detritus, human hair, nails, thread, gifts, imperfect canvases, and old paint provide opportunity to express the symbiosis of decay and creation." ~ Renée Bouchard

"This collection of paintings by Renée Bouchard masterfully conveys profound abstract composition by layering color upon color." ~ David Schutz, Vermont State Curator

Bouchard is a recent Barbara Smail grant nominee from Burlington City Arts, and in 2008 she received a Creation Grant from the Vermont Arts Council. Renée has received other grants, awards, and residencies from institutions such as the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, the Philips Collections, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Cooper Union, the Kate Millett Art Colony, the Vermont Studio Center, and the Montana Artist's Refuge.

Bouchard was born in 1976 and grew up in a small village in New Hampshire where she attended the Phoebe Flory Watercolor School. She later attended the Cleveland Institute of Art

and graduated from Main College of Art in 1999. She lives and works in Bennington, VT.

If you need additional images or would like to set up an interview, please contact the artist directly: **Renée Bouchard**, 802-733-7651, Artist Website: www.renee-bouchard.com.

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